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Hello. My name is Tracy Ceravolo, and I testified on Sept 28 re: heat pumps. Since I am not able to attend tomorrow's meeting on gas stoves, I am sending in my written testimony.

As I mentioned previously, I used to have a home with gas heating and a gas stove. I cook every meal for my family from scratch, so I am in the kitchen a LOT and love cooking. I loved how that gas stove was so easy to control and responded instantly to the controls.

When we went to buy our current home 9 years ago, I saw that it had a glass-top stove. I told my husband that we needed to look into pulling a gas line up the driveway so I could have a gas range again.

Then we moved in and started cooking on the range which turned out to be an induction stove. I had never heard of one before so was shocked to learn that it had the benefit of instant response like gas BUT ALSO had many advantages. I will recount the advantages now:

- *Easier to clean – when a pot boils over, I just pull out a towel and wipe the glass Top while the stove is still on! It's just one piece of glass, SO EASY TO CLEAN!

- *Safer to use – I can leave a towel or rag on the stove, even around my pressure Cooker to clean up drips, and there is no flame to catch fire.

- *Also safer – spills of oil will not result in a large flame because there is no flame.

- *Air quality – no toxic fumes pumped into the home, so no mandatory vent hood.

- *Efficient – gas stoves waste SO much heat. It's unpleasant to cook in summer!

- *Know how hot your food is – just hold your hand over the food to see if it is hot.

Since there is no wasted heat from a flame, only your food is getting hot.

I know that if people knew how wonderful induction stoves were, they would happily switch from gas. We really hate it when we have to cook on gas stoves now at someone else's house. It's just as responsive, and so much better to use in so many ways!

As Alona Steinke said in today's testimony, why on Earth are we cooking with an open flame inside our homes in the 21st century?? It is the definition of crazy. As far as fireplaces go, there are so many incredible and beautiful ways to create ambiance with LED lighting now. Or if someone really wanted a flame to look at, they could use candles in a safe way.

Thank you,
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